

State Transportation Commission Meeting

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Overview

- ❖ **Detroit River International Crossing Study project update**
- ❖ **Governance of the New/Expanded Detroit River International Crossing**
- ❖ **Next Steps**



Michigan's Vision for Borders



Provide for the seamless, safe and secure transport of goods, people and services in a cost-efficient and timely manner

Transportation Commission Border Policy: October 2004

Michigan's Goals for Borders

- 1. Assure adequate transportation capacity**
- 2. Protect & upgrade border facilities**
- 3. Study needs to improve & expand facilities**
- 4. Enhance collaboration, coordination and communication with stakeholder groups**
- 5. Collaborate with partners**
- 6. Increase federal funding for borders**
- 7. Cooperate with agencies to improve flow of trade while maintaining national security**

Michigan's Commitment to Borders

- ❖ **\$1 Billion in new infrastructure investments 2005-2013**
- ❖ **Greater cooperation and coordination efforts between U.S. and Canadian stakeholders**
- ❖ **Support federal policies and initiatives improving flow of people and goods, while enhancing security**



The Detroit River International Crossing Study

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Detroit River International Crossing



- ❖ **Two countries**
- ❖ **One border**
- ❖ **One future crossing**

The Border Transportation Partnership



U.S. Department of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**



Detroit River International Crossing

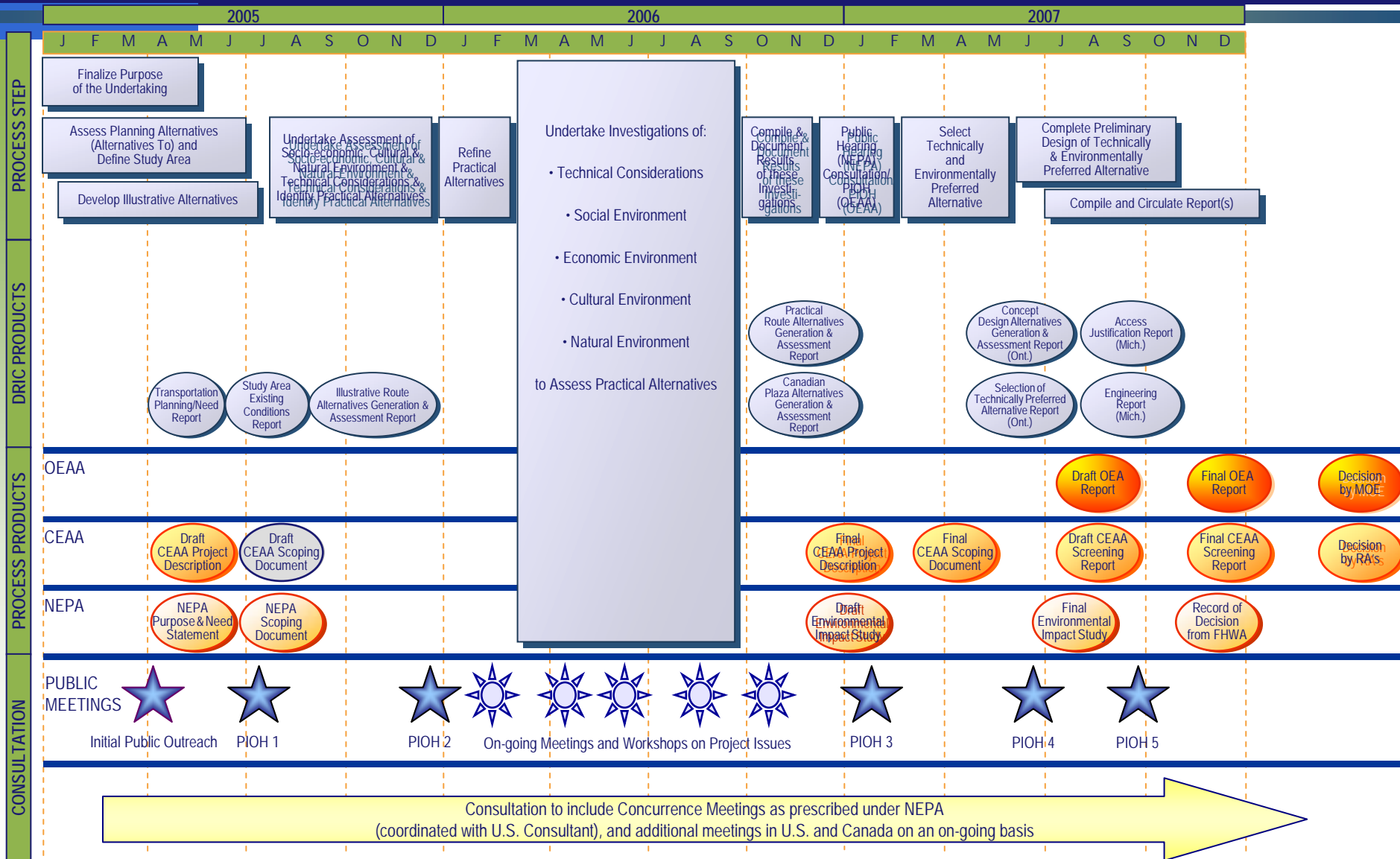
❖ What is at stake?

- National security
- Regional, state, provincial and national economies

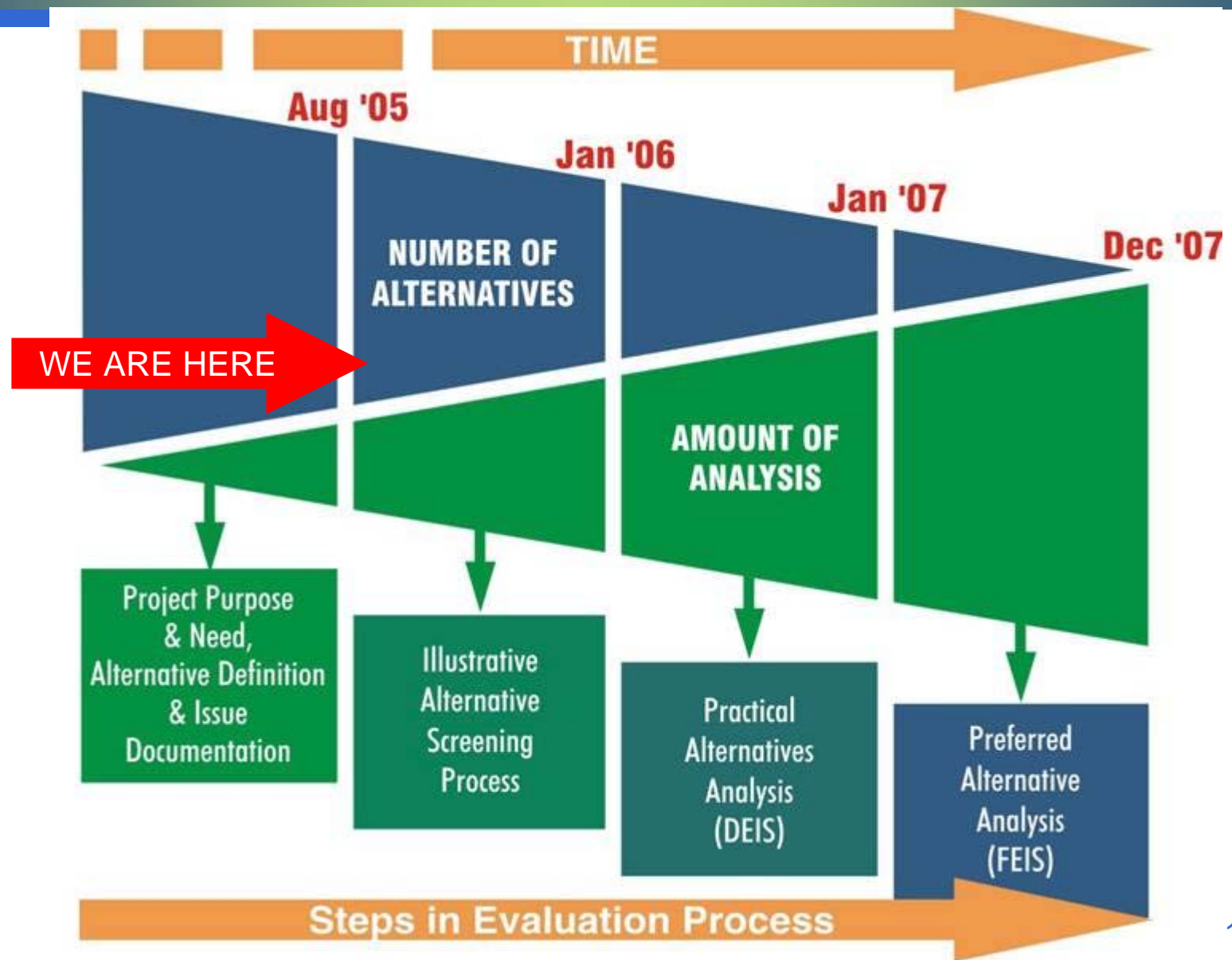
❖ What is the challenge?

- Bi-National agreement

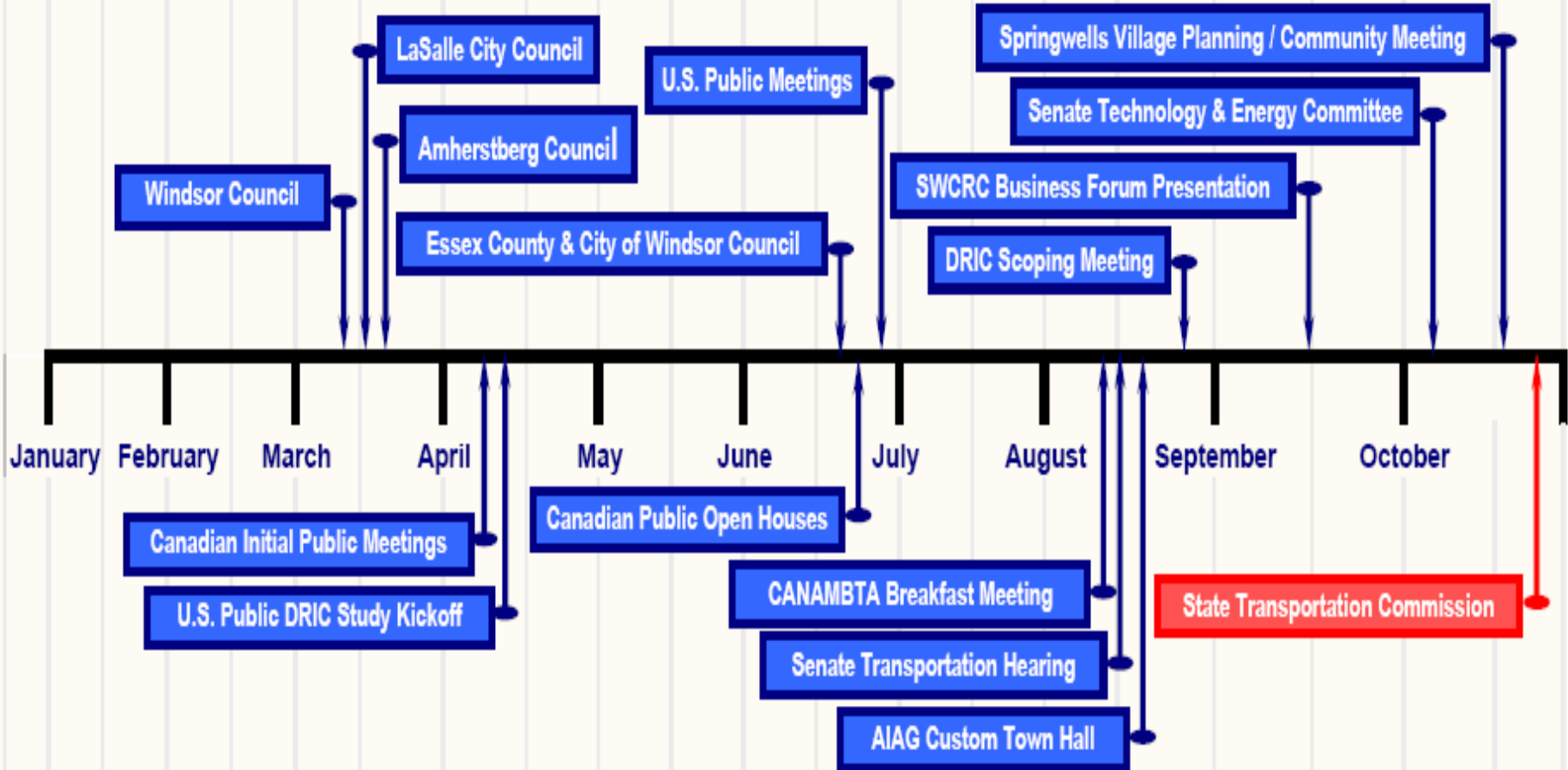
Study Process Schedule



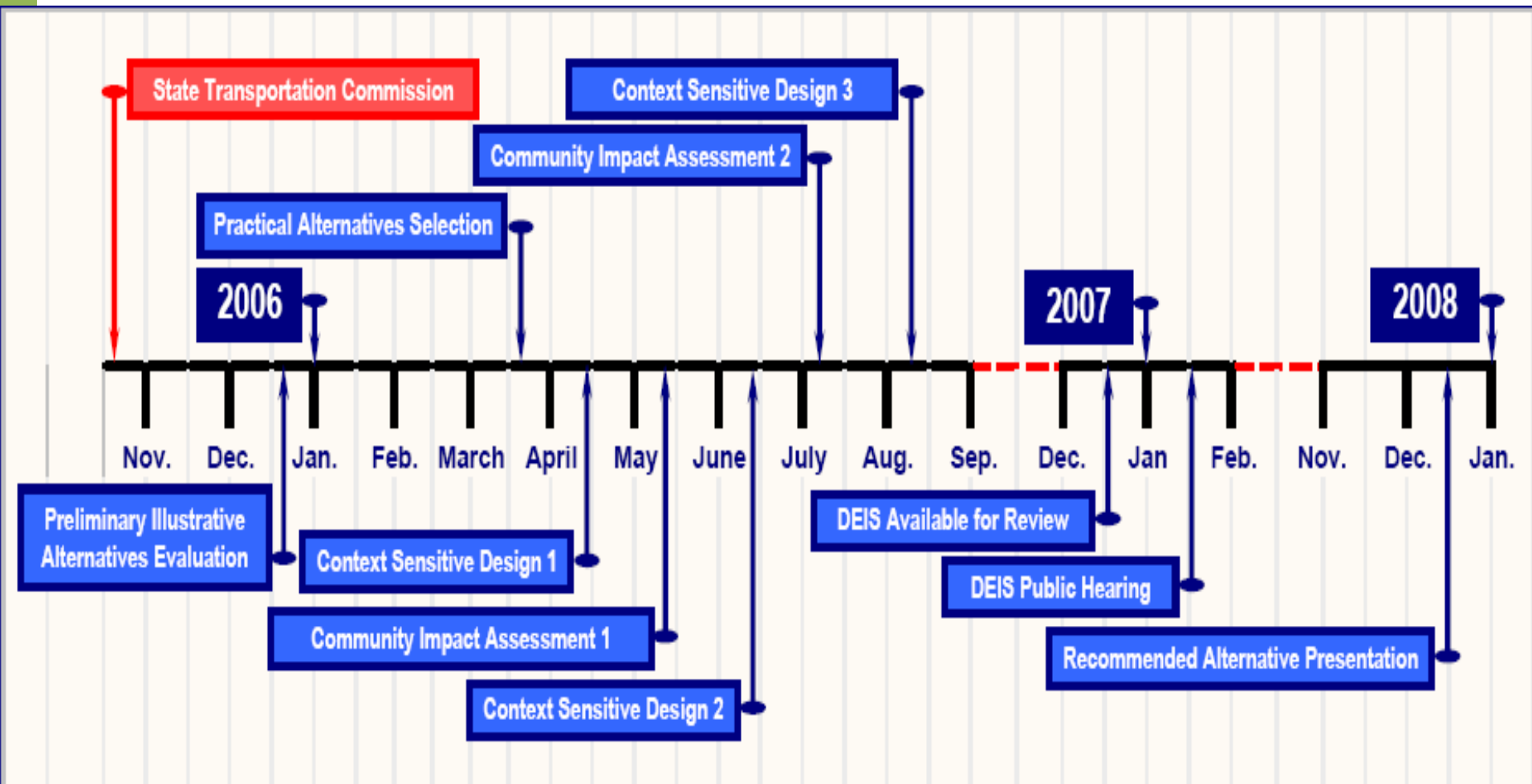
Overall Project Timeline



2005 Public Involvement Opportunities



Upcoming Public Involvement Opportunities



Additional Public Involvement Opportunities

Local Advisory Council (LAC)

Community groups reps and elected officials

Monthly meeting schedule

Local Agency Group (LAG)

Technical staff of local governmental units

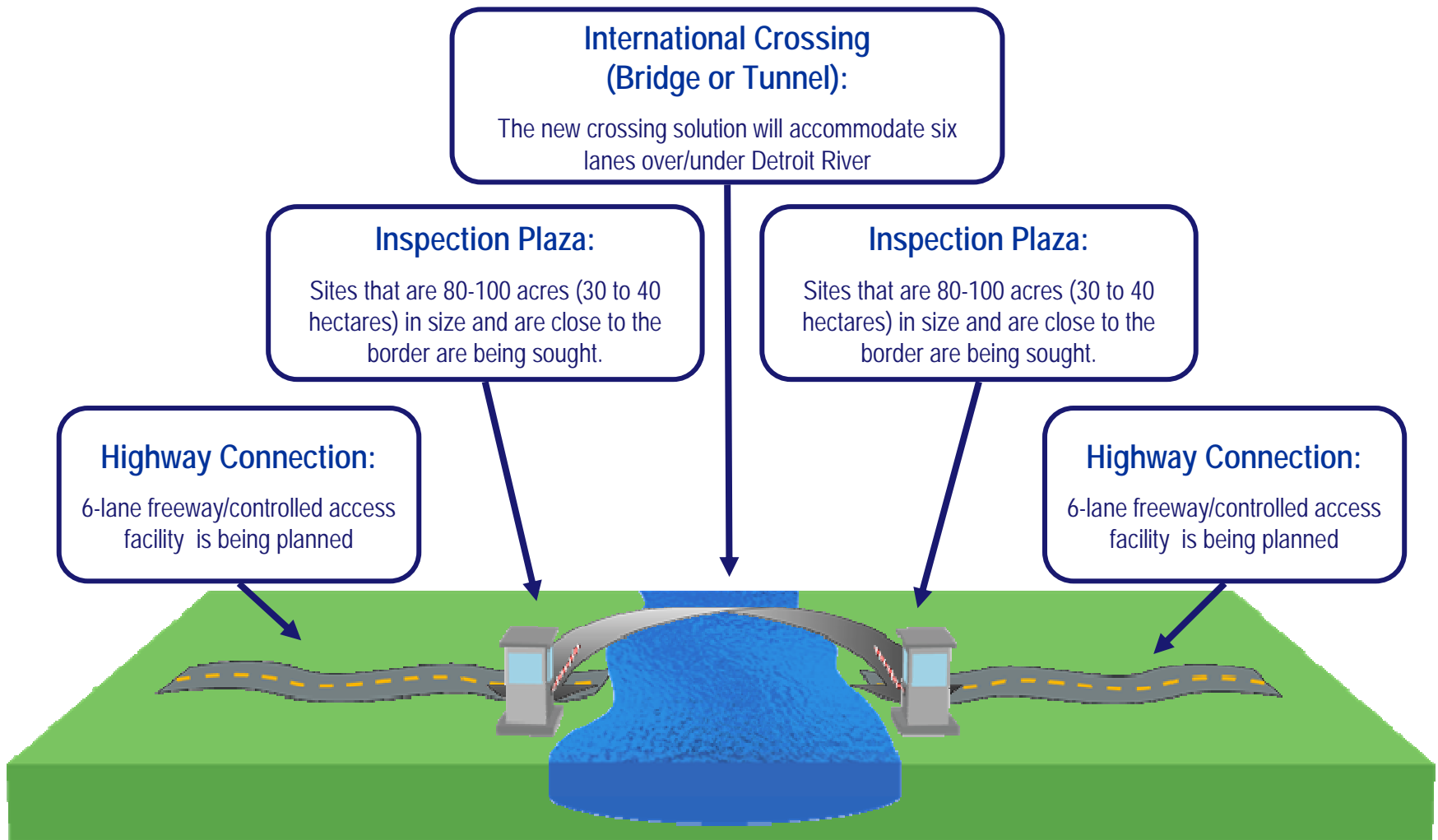
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Private Sector Advisory Group

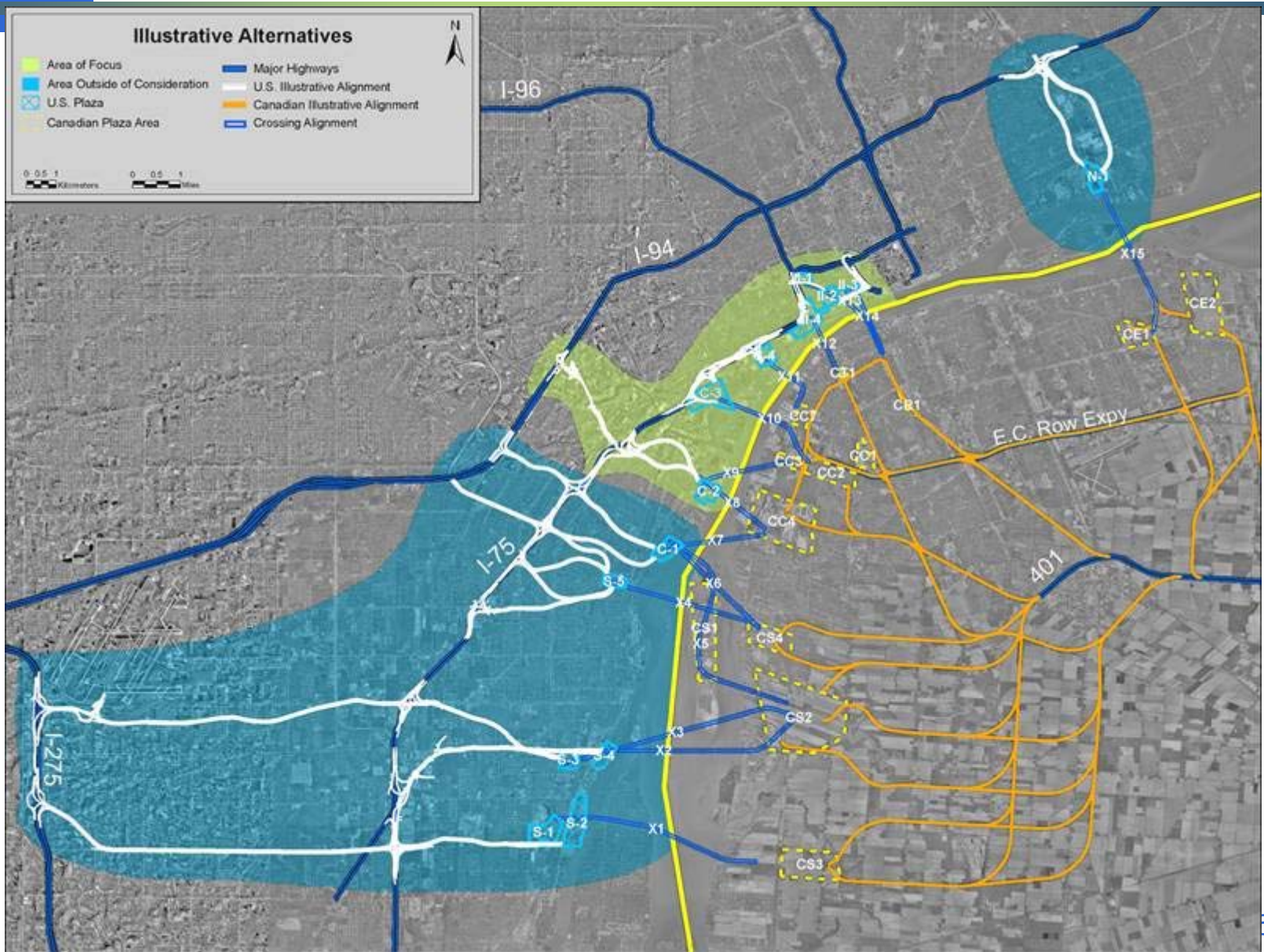
Bi-national private sector businesses

Quarterly meeting schedule

Components of New or Expanded International Crossing



Remaining Focus Area





Governance

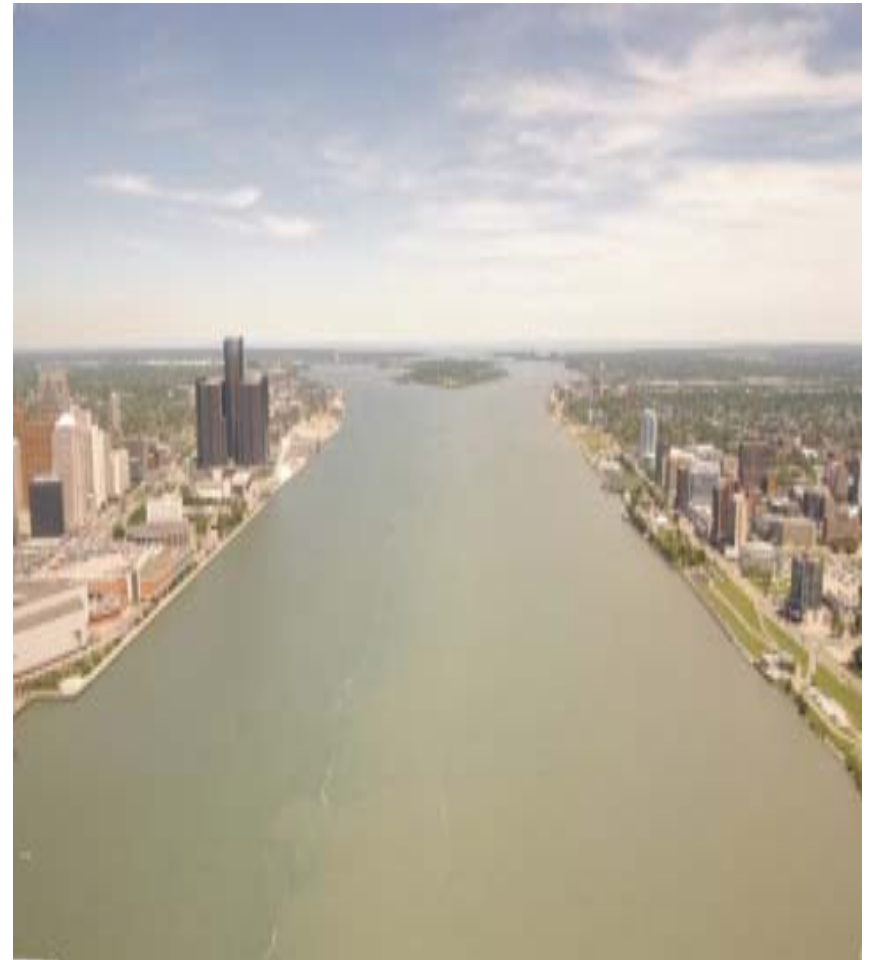
Susan Mortel
Director of Bureau of Planning

What is Governance?

❖ Ownership

❖ Responsibility for:

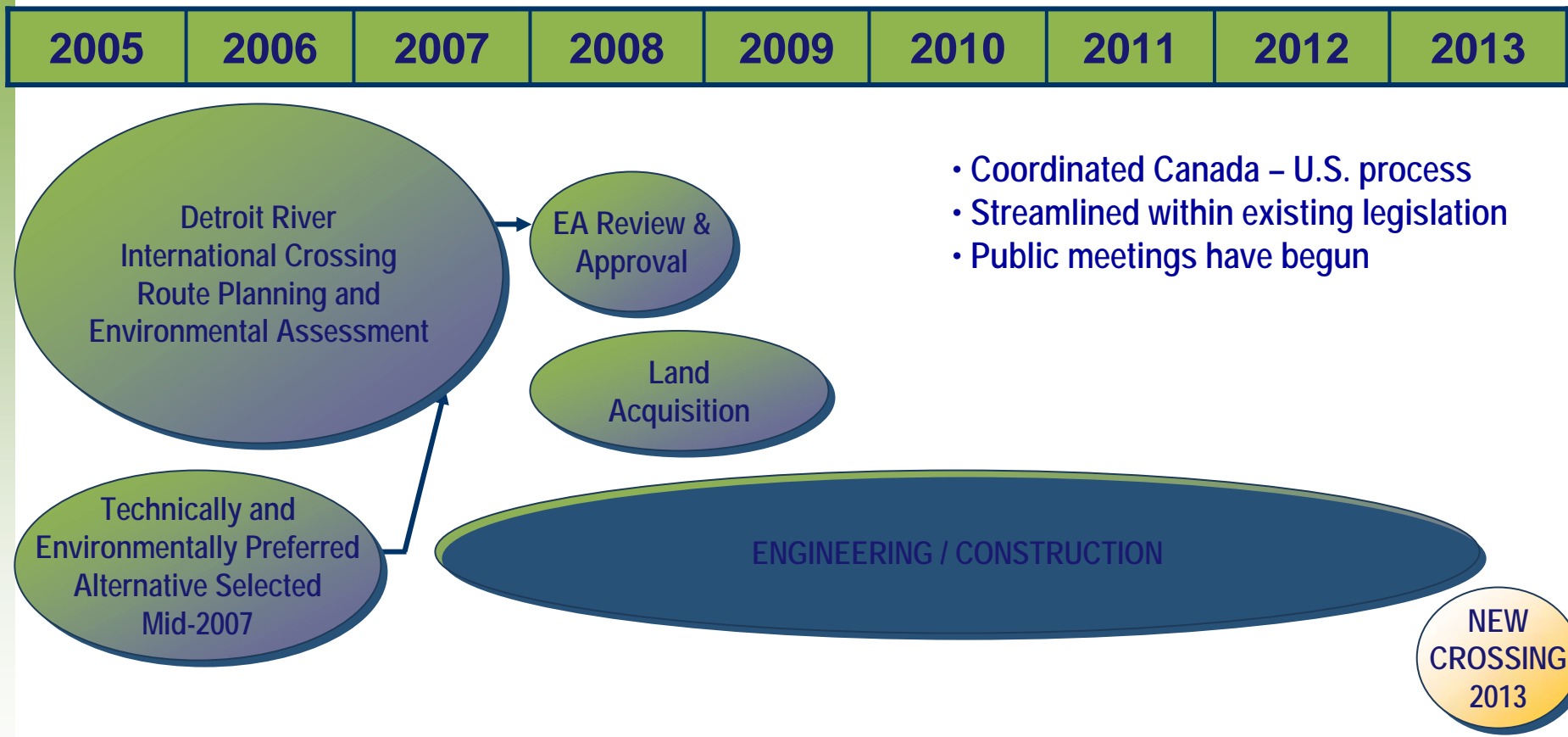
- Design
- Construction
- Operations
- Administration
- Maintenance
- Financing



Bi-National Governance Working Group

- ❖ **Subcommittee of the Bi-National Partnership**
- ❖ **Parallels the EIS process**
- ❖ **Serves as a valuable mechanism to identify common ground among partners**
- ❖ **Will address important financial, operational and technical considerations to define nature of new crossing**

How Does the Governance Decision Fit Into the Project Schedule?



Governance at Existing Crossings

CROSSING	OWNER	OPERATOR
Ambassador Bridge Detroit, MI – Windsor, ON	<i>Private</i> Detroit International Bridge Co. Canadian Transit Co.	<i>Private</i> Ambassador Bridge
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Detroit, MI – Windsor, ON	<i>Public</i> City of Detroit City of Windsor	<i>Private</i> Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corp. The Detroit & Windsor Subway Co.
Blue Water Bridge Port Huron, MI – Sarnia, ON	<i>Public</i> MDOT Blue Water Bridge Authority	<i>Public</i> MDOT Blue Water Bridge Authority
International Bridge Sault Ste. Marie, MI – Sault Ste. Marie, ON	<i>Public</i> MDOT Federal Bridge Corporation	<i>Public</i> MDOT
Peace Bridge Buffalo, NY – Fort Erie, ON	<i>Public</i> Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (Reverts to Government of Canada and New York State following repayment of bonds)	<i>Public</i> Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority
Confederation Bridge New Brunswick – Prince Edward Island	<i>Public</i> Government of Canada	<i>Private</i> Strait Crossing Development, Inc.

A Range of Governance Options

- ❖ **Public Ownership and Operations**
- ❖ **Private Ownership and Operations**
- ❖ **Public-Private Partnership**
- ❖ **Not-For-Profit Corporation**
- ❖ **Joint Authority**
- ❖ **Combinations of the above**



How Will the Decision Be Made?

United States Government	
State	Transportation Commission
	Governor
	Legislature
Federal	Federal Highway Administration
	Department of State

Canadian Government	
Province	Minister
	Ontario Cabinet
Federal	Minister
	Cabinet

Timeline for a Decision

- ❖ **Our goal – governance decision in Winter 2006**
- ❖ **This allows for sufficient preparation for selected model**
 - **Announcement by Governor**
 - **Legislation**
- ❖ **Environmental clearance – End of 2007**

What We Will Need From You

- ❖ **Establish parameters and formulate policy**
 - Relative to appropriate public oversight
 - Acceptable elements of a public-private partnership
- ❖ **Examples of issues to consider**
 - What type of public oversight is appropriate to protect the public interest?
 - Is a public-private partnership appropriate?
 - If yes, how do governance and elements of a public-private partnership mesh?

Next Steps

- ❖ **Governance workshop – November 2005?**
- ❖ **Adopt governance policy – Winter 2006**



Questions?